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From DENIS MARTIN

BONN, Sunday. — German secret police tonight arrested seven mystery Nazis in the snow-covered mountains east of the Ruhr. "These men," said a police announcement, "are the winter sports spa of Arnberg, will be charged with the preparation of acts of high treason."

"We are not prepared to give any details of the arrests. This action relates to an underground bid to restore Hitler's Nazi party in Germany."

Only a few miles from Arnberg, a rally in Gernsheim — a city of a thousand

4.30 a.m. LATEST

G-MEN PROBE
SHOOTING

NEW YORK, Sunday. — G-men are investigating the death of Colonel Lloyd Corkin, commander of U.S. Army Camp Stewart, Georgia, who was found shot on a hunting reservation there today. — B.U.P.

CENTRAL 8000

furnaces in the Ruhr — Black Guard General Adolf Hauser defended his men.

Hauser, oldest surviving general of the S.S., said: "More than 25,000 officers and other ranks of the Waffen (fighting) S.S. died in World War II."

"They died as soldiers of the Fatherland and not as men of the S.S. We should honour their memory and help their dependants."

It was Germany's day of remembrance for 5,000,000 soldiers and civilians killed in World War II.

£500 offer defaced

BERLIN, Sunday. — Placards announcing a £500 reward for information about the kidnappers of Dr. Lina, anti-Communist, have been defaced in the U.S. and British sectors. — Express News Service.



U.S. TRIES OUT H-BOMB

But atom men hedge on explosion

'WE ARE SATISFIED'

From HENRY LOWRIE: Washington, Sunday

THE U.S. has carried out new atomic experiments contributing to hydrogen bomb research. This announcement—the strongest indication yet that America has exploded a hydrogen bomb—was made by the Atomic Energy Commission tonight.

The tests were staged at Eniwetok Atoll, in the Pacific, which is reserved for trying out new weapons of major importance. The announcement said a "remarkable feat" was accomplished and scientists were satisfied.

In charge of the operation was Joint Task Force 132, directed by the Department of Defence and the Atomic Energy Commission.

The tests were designed "to further the development of various types of weapons and included experiments contributing to thermo-nuclear weapon research."

The reference to thermo-nuclear weapons is understood to mean the hydrogen bomb.

Estimates of the power of a hydrogen bomb vary.

Mr. William Laurence, a writer regarded as an authority on atom power, says a hydrogen bomb would equal ten atom bombs in its power to destroy by blast and 30 atom bombs in its incendiary effects.

Chains over door

Thought reporters asked the chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, Mr. Gordon Dean, what power was released in the new test, Mr. Dean refused to say because "it might injure the interests of America."

But he did say that the commission is concerned "over the letters purporting to describe some events in connection with the tests," and the writers might be prosecuted for violating security laws.

These letters, written by sailors in the task force, have appeared in newspapers all across America and are purported to describe the big bang.

One letter said a hydrogen bomb was carried to San Francisco under heavy guard, loaded into a navy ship, and placed in a special compartment. The door was welded shut and then heavy chains were welded across the door. "C" men and security agents outnumbered the crew.

'I prayed'

The task force ships were dotted round the test area in the Pacific, 60 miles away. Zero hour was 7.15 a.m. on November 1.

Crew members put on protective clothes and turned their backs ten seconds before the explosion. "The flash was like ten suns. You would have sworn it was on fire. Flashes, two miles wide, shot five miles up. The island burned for six hours, then disappeared."

'This new era'

The order to go full speed to develop the hydrogen bomb was given by President Truman on January 31, 1950. "To see to it that our country is able to defend itself against any possible aggressor."

The latest experiments were heralded as the "opening of a new era" by Mr. Carl D. Durrant, acting chairman of the Congressional Atomic Commission, in a recent speech.

Today Mr. Durrant said the hydrogen bomb gives the West a weapon which, so far as he knows, Russia does not have. It would help to deter would-be aggressors.

Asked why the announcement, said "Thermo-nuclear weapons," Mr. Durrant replied: "Scientists use different terms to ours."

Plot to kidnap
Esme Britons

From SYDNEY SMITH

TANGIER, Sunday. — A plot to "shanghai" at pistol point the four Britons held in Tangier Jail on piracy charges failed today.

The plot was organised by the international gangsters who seized the motor yacht Esme.

Captain Engelsman and the four Britons of the crew were kept prisoner aboard their own ship which was used by the gangsters to steal 25,000,000 cigarettes from the Dutch ship Combatic.

The captain and his crew, therefore, knew too much for the safety of the gangsters. That is why they were to be "rescued" today—to stop them talking.

International security police discovered how it was to be done.

INSIDE MAN

Unknown to Captain Engelsman and the Britons there was another prisoner on the pay roll of the gangsters in their corridor in Kasbah jail.

Sunday is the day when none of the prison guards is a European.

So in the early hours of this morning a 20ft. rope, woven from the rush matting which covers the jail floors, was to

have been lowered by the "inside man" from his cell to the street below.

Tummy-guns and revolvers were to have been hauled in at the end of the rope. Tonight, when the evening meal was brought around, the cell door was to be kicked open by the "inside man" in the face of the single Arab guard.

ESCAPE ROUTE

He would be overpowered. The cell doors are fastened by a single outside bolt. The Britons would be released and escorted up the narrow staircase leading to a flat roof.

There is an easy escape route from the harbour area. The yacht Esme, however, they had been known to the police.

No authority in Tangier is surprised at the toughness and ruthlessness of the gang.

But Mr. Robert Deckers, an English barrister defending the Esme's crew, is concerned by it because the four are likely to be released on bail soon.

Said Mr. Deckers: "They gave me a 20ft. rope. They wanted police protection. Now they tell me life in that prison is such that one of them said: 'We would rather risk a bullet outside than die of suffocation and poison inside.'"

"That's all very well," said Mr. Deckers, "but I don't want to have my clients shot up."

The four men write to SYDNEY SMITH

WE WANT TO TELL
YOU FULL STORY

NINETEEN grimy foolscap pages of closely penned writing dated "Tangier Prison" reached Sydney Smith by messenger in Tangier yesterday. A letter scribbled on the torn page of a notebook was the



CAPTAIN ENGELSMAN

"It's a lie," says story.

Man who forgot his door key

William Scott, bachelor, 45, forgot the front door key to his flat in Moreton-street, London, S.W. Early yesterday morning, while waking other people in the building, he crawled along the edge of an empty tank next door, slipped, and fell 15ft.

At 3 a.m. he was found unconscious and taken to hospital.

20th page.

It was signed by Gilbert Robertson, Birt, and Goatsley, the four accused British seamen.

Said the letter: "The idea of this story is not necessarily a newspaper scoop but rather proof of our innocence."

Though all four men have signed the story, the writer is 26-year-old Arthur Gilbert, of Beckenham, Kent. And this is how he began:—

"It all started when we four came together in Shoreham, Sussex, as employees of Mr. E. J. Engelsman, captain of the Esme. From there we were to deliver the Esme to Tangier."

ROUGH TRIP

The delivery trip which took a month, was rough. Gilbert says the Esme was nearly run down by two British submarines, and he adds in brackets "but not their fault."

There was engine trouble, and gales that drove them for shelter and repairs into French, Spanish, and Portuguese ports.

Gilbert's story makes clear the strong ill-feeling between Captain Engelsman and the four Britons.

Then says the story from the prison: "Once in Tangier we were offered the job of smugglers. As the owner, an American, seemed a square dealer we decided to stay. He has never let us down."

"Now to our first trip. We received sailing orders to deliver a load of cigarettes to France."

That trip was smooth to start with. The Esme was to be taken to the new Shadow Cabinet.

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A comfortable day

Lord Woolton had a comfortable day and his condition remains the same—last night nursing-home bulletin from Scarborough.

IT WAS ALL
IN A DAY'S
WORK FOR
Mr. PARRY

Express Staff Reporter

TWICE yesterday R.S.P.C.A. man Benjamin Parry risked his life to save two cats.

One he dragged clear of the live rail at London's Green Park tube station after a warning that a train was due any moment.

The other he rescued from an 8-inch wide ledge 60ft. above the ground, on the roof of a four-storey building in Hans-road, Kensington.

"It was just a routine day," said 38-year-old Mr. Parry at R.S.P.C.A. headquarters in Jersey-street, W., last night as he waited for any other call.

He joined the week-end night-duty emergency squad at 12.30 p.m. on Saturday. He finishes this morning.

And yesterday's "routine" day went like this:—

7.30 a.m. Emergency call from the bookkeeping office at Green Park — "badly injured cat trapped by the live rail. It is fighting every attempt to get it clear. Can you help?"

'Don't worry...'

Mr. Parry was told at the station that a train was almost due. The stationmaster offered to cut off the current to try to stop the train.

"Don't worry there isn't time," said Mr. Parry.

He jumped down and dragged the cat clear. It was so badly injured he had to "put it to sleep" by hypodermic injection.

10.40 a.m. A call to Islington to put to sleep a much-loved mongrel dog.

11.15 a.m. An R.S.P.C.A. official read the Sunday newspapers saw that the Keogh family had been evicted from their home at Hackney, E. over the week-end. And that they had a dog.

Off went Mr. Parry to offer to help.

2.40 p.m. He rescued a kitten from the roof in Hans-road.

Mr. Parry climbed through a skylight window, scrambled down a sloping roof, and along an 8-inch ledge with a 60ft. drop at either side.



MR. PARRY and PUP

—at headquarters last night.

7.25 p.m. Mr. Parry trails a mongrel dog through a street near St. John's Wood.

The dog gets away—and Mr. Parry is left with a cup of tea—"till the next call."

9.35 p.m. Out again—this time with his syringe for a cat run over in Camden-road, N.W.

Drummer: 'I'll wed Pearl Bailey



PEARL BAILEY and LOUIS BELLSON yesterday. His father forbids engagement.

FATHER FORBIDS
THEIR ROMANCE

Express Staff Reporter

LOUIS BELLSON, 29-year-old white jazz drummer in Duke Ellington's band, kissed Pearl Bailey, the Negro singer, at London Airport yesterday, then said:—

'Threats' to
Princess

Immigration officials at all British seaports and airports have been instructed to refuse permission to land to a middle-aged American who is alleged to have written letters containing threats to Princess Margaret.

The man, whose full description is given in a confidential Home Office circular, is believed to have left his home in America and his present whereabouts are unknown.

The letter containing the threats was received through the post by a resident in this country who forwarded it to the authorities.

TO LOUIS

Then she said in the deep voice which has made her a star on stage, radio and TV:—

"I am going to leave Louis to do the talking about his father's views. It is just something which has never crossed my mind. I don't know his father and he does not know me. If he knew me he would never have sent me that cable."

"That cable" was still unopened in her handbag. She explained: "I know it was not just good wishes. It was too thick for that. So I'll let Louis open it."

Thirty-four-year-old Pearl jumped and shouted with excitement when she saw Louis walking from the plane. "You can always recognise him by that smile—wide as the world."

Good-looking, black-haired, Italian-looking Louis—the family name was Balassone—explained:—

"Everything is going to be all right. Father isn't talking like himself. He is all confused by people round him. His first reaction to the engagement was to congratulate me."

"But ours is a small town (pop. 37,397) full of colour prejudices, and too many people have been talking to him."

"My mother said, 'You have your own life and good luck to you.' And that is how father will see it later."

'HUMILIATED'

Dusky, vivacious Pearl, the daughter of a minister, has had trouble before. In 1950 she threatened to retire from a Broadway show because white members of the cast "humiliated" her.

And in September she was beaten up by four white men when she went to a New York night club to hear Frank Sinatra sing.

She divorced her fourth husband in March.

Richard Kilian cables from New York:—

Mr. Louis Bellson sen. said tonight from his music school near Chicago: "If Louis goes through with this, he will be an outcast from his home and family. He will stay far away from me. I don't want him as a son, nor their children as grandchildren."

Louis is not thinking of the rest of us Bellsons. He has three brothers and four sisters. I have four brothers. That's a big family with all the children counted.

"We have business interests all over the world. This marriage can hurt all of us."

"Louis should know I am a business man and never go back on my word."

Hill given back

TOKYO, Sunday. — U.N. troops withdrew from Jackson Heights, guarding the Chornov Valley approach to Seoul, last night only a few hours after recapturing it. The Eighth Army communiqué gave no details except that the withdrawal took place on orders.

Divers free ferry

A cable snapped and fouled the rudder of the ferry steamer Carlsberg, leaving Calais for Folkestone yesterday. Divers cleared it in 90 minutes.

ONE DIAMOND BID...

JOHANNESBURG, Sunday. — Myra Carruthers, 20-year-old brunette, of Sydney, will get an unexpected present as a result of her husband Jimmy's unexpected winning of the world's bantam-weight boxing title from South African Vic Towel. When odds of 5-1 against

MAN SENT TO
BROADMOOR
BEFORE TRIAL

TWENTY-THREE-YEAR-OLD Peter Rex Nichol, who is accused of the

Acacia-grove murder in New Malden, Surrey, has been certified as insane and transferred from Brixton Jail to Broadmoor without trial.

The law is that an insane person cannot be kept in a prison, and a person awaiting trial in a criminal court cannot be kept in a mental institution.

Home Office mental experts have certified, also, that Nichol is unfit to travel.

He is said to be in a coma. So he will not appear at Kingston Assizes this week.

He was sent for trial after the dismembered and partly burned body of Frederick Long, 66-year-old retired builder, was found in a blazing garden shed on July 20.

Mossadegh sacks judges

From JOSEPH ALLISON

TEHERAN, Sunday. — Premier Mossadegh invoked his special powers and dissolved Persia's Supreme Court today.

Then he instructed the Minister of Justice to appoint new judges to a new Supreme Court. The Minister was given power to send his officials on leave for two months if he wishes.

These moves were described by Dr. Fateni, Foreign Minister and Mossadegh's spokesman, as part of the Premier's reform programme at the Ministry of Justice.

Ex-Premier Gavam Sultanen faces Government interrogation next week. He has been accused of neglecting his duty and responsibility for the Tehran riots which ended his four-day tenure of office last July.

Eighty-year-old Gavam is reported to be seriously ill and unconscious. The Government has taken first steps to break up his £200,000 estate.

Prosecutors today served charge sheets on Captain Henry Navarra, a Briton arrested four days ago and accused of espionage. His 80-year-old mother was allowed to visit him in jail.

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The big line-up for Shadow Cabinet

By DEREK MARKS

TOMORROW will be a red letter day for Mr. Carol Johnson, secretary of the Parliamentary Socialist Party. He is to receive 223 letters, each addressed in red type-writing. The letters will contain the votes of Socialist M.P.s in the first stage of the election for the Shadow Cabinet.

There are 51 candidates for the 12 vacancies, and M.P.s have a choice ranging from the party's extreme right wing well into the fringes of pacifism and temperance.

The 12 members of the retiring Shadow Cabinet are all seeking re-election. They are Messrs. Callaghan, Dalton, Chuter Ede, Gaiskell, Tony Greenwood, Griffiths, Givoni Hall, Roberts,

Shenwell, Stokes, Noel-Baker, and Dr. Edith Summerskill.

THE BEVANITES, headed by Mr. Bevan himself, are putting up nine members of their former group—Sir Richard Acland and Messrs. Bing, A. J. Irvine, Malcolm Macmillan, Monslow, Padley, Poole, and Harold Wilson.

THE TRADE UNION GROUP has called up reinforcements in Arthur Bottomley, Mark Hewison, Fred Leo, and Ronald Williams.

THE CENTRE GROUP of the party will be represented by Messrs. Strachey, Strauss, Michael Stewart, Younger Marquand, and Douglas Jay.

A little light relief is brought into the contest by the candidature of James Hudson, veteran temperance supporter, and by pacifist Emrys Hughes and Victor Yates.

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Silverman, Mr. Stanley (Peathead) Evans, the Rev. R. Sorensen, and Queen's Counsel Mr. Reginald Paget, each offering his own peculiarly individual approach to Socialism.

The list is completed by a formidable battery of RIGHT-WING SOCIALISTS, headed by Sir Frank Soskice and Mr. Arthur Henderson.

The votes are to be counted immediately before the party meeting on Wednesday morning.

It is thought that only Mr. Bevan and possibly Mr. Harold Wilson have the smallest chance of representing the Bevanites in the new Shadow Cabinet.

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